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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
Crump et al.

Serial No.: 09/716,486

Filed: November 20, 2000

For: RESPIRATORY SUCTION CATHETER  
APPARATUS WITH IMPROVED VALVE  
AND COLLAR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Box Amendment  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application before  
examining the application on the merits.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 2, before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", insert the  
following - The present application is a continuation application  
of application number 09/157,605 filed September 21, 1998.--

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REMARKS

In the preliminary amendment mailed November 20, 2000,  
Applicants mistakenly listed an incorrect priority application  
number of 09/156,297. The present preliminary amendment adds the  
correct priority application number of 09/157,605 to the